| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 7. | Number of PWD roads damaged | 773 |
| 8. | Number of S.P.T. bridges damaged | 66 |
| 9. | Number of RCC bridges damaged | 25 |
| 10. | Number of pipe Water supply schemes affected | 301 |
| 11. | Number of Irrigation schemes damaged | 5 |

**Irrigation schemes in the Vidarbha Region**

†1049. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount earmarked for the irrigation schemes for Gorikhurd, Bavanthadi, etc. in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra very little has been disbursed for these schemes;

(b) if so, whether the pace of work on these schemes have been very slow;

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government to expedite these schemes; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that work on irrigation schemes is not hampered for want of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Irrigation is a State subject and planning, execution funding as well as priority of execution of irrigation projects is within the purview of the concerned State Governments. However, the Central Government provides financial assistance under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme as per prevailing guidelines of the programme for expeditious completion of irrigation projects. The central assistance under AIBP provided to the States is based on the physical and financial programme for execution of the project provided by the State Governments with due provision in the States budget for works and ceiling for AIBP for the States fixed by the Planning Commission in consultation with concerned State Governments.

Bawanthadi Project is an Inter-state project between Government of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra while Gosikhurd project is a project of State Government of Maharashtra. Madhya Pradesh portion of Bawanthadi project was included in AIBP in 2003-04 and so far, Central assistance amounting to Rs. 54.1001 crore has been provided to Government of Madhya Pradesh for the project. Maharashtra portion of Bawanthadi project was included in AIBP in 2004-05 and Central assistance amounting to Rs. 47.119 crore has been provided to the Government of Maharashtra for the project. Gosikhurd Project is being provided financial assistance in phased manner. The project was included in AIBP in 1996-97 and so far, Rs. 241.3157 crore has been provided to the Government of Maharashtra for the project. A Statement indicating central assistance provided to major and medium irrigation projects of the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra till date is given in the Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

***Statement***

*Central Assistance (CA)/grant released under AIBP up to 2007-08 to MAHARASHTRA (Vidarbha Region)*

*(Rs. in crore)*

| Sl. No. | Name of State/Project | Amount Total |
|---|---|---|
| | Major, Medium Irrigation Projects | |
| | MAHARASHTRA (Vidarbha Region) | |
| 1 | Gosikhurd | 241.3157 |
| 2 | Upper Wardha | 197.9945 |
| 3 | Wan | 59.5636 |
| 4 | Bawanthadi | 47.1190 |
| 5 | Wan Phase II | 2.0295 |
| 6 | Pothra Nalla | 5.6255 |
| 7 | Utawali | 10.2546 |
| 8 | Purna | 22.1211 |
| 9 | Kar | 4.2100 |
| 10 | Lower Wardha | 29.9300 |
| 11 | Lal Nalla | 5.9000 |
| 12 | Khadakpurna | 62.3700 |
| 13 | Arunavati | 6.2800 |
| 14 | Madan Tank | 1.5105 |
| 15 | Dongaragaon | 1.5090 |
| | TOTAL: | 697.7330 |

**Nationalisation of rivers**

1050. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to evolve scientific criteria for selection of national rivers;

(b) whether rivers with a trans-boundary issue could fall into this criteria, and

(c) whether Government also propose to create a North-East Water Regulatory Authority to manage rivers of Brahmaputra-Barak Valley under this nationalisation of rivers scheme?